

Springdale Fire Department

Policy & Procedures Manual

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204.13.6 – Exposure Control Program Training

This procedure outlines the annual training for SFD Personnel that is designed to prevent an occupational exposure to blood or other body fluids. With proper training, the appropriate use of PPE will greatly reduce the risk of exposure to SFD Personnel.

All SFD personnel who have a potential for an occupational exposure to bloodborne-airborne pathogens will receive annual training conducted by the SFD Training Officer. In addition, outside resources may be utilized when appropriate to provide continuing education opportunities in the area of exposure control and disease recognition.

Annual exposure control program training will cover the following elements:

- Overview of the SFD Exposure Control Program.
- Epidemiology.
- Signs and symptoms of diseases.
- Pathogen transmission avenues.
- Explanation of tasks and activities that may result in an exposure to blood or other body fluids.
- Demonstration of the engineering controls and work practices utilized by the SFD.
- Explanations of the types, uses, location, removal, handling, decontamination, and disposal of PPE.
- Identification and recognition as to what constitutes a verified exposure.
- Information on the appropriate actions to take and persons to contact if an exposure to blood or other body fluids does occurs.
- Information on post-exposure evaluation and follow-up practices that are required to be provided to SFD Personnel following a verified exposure incident.